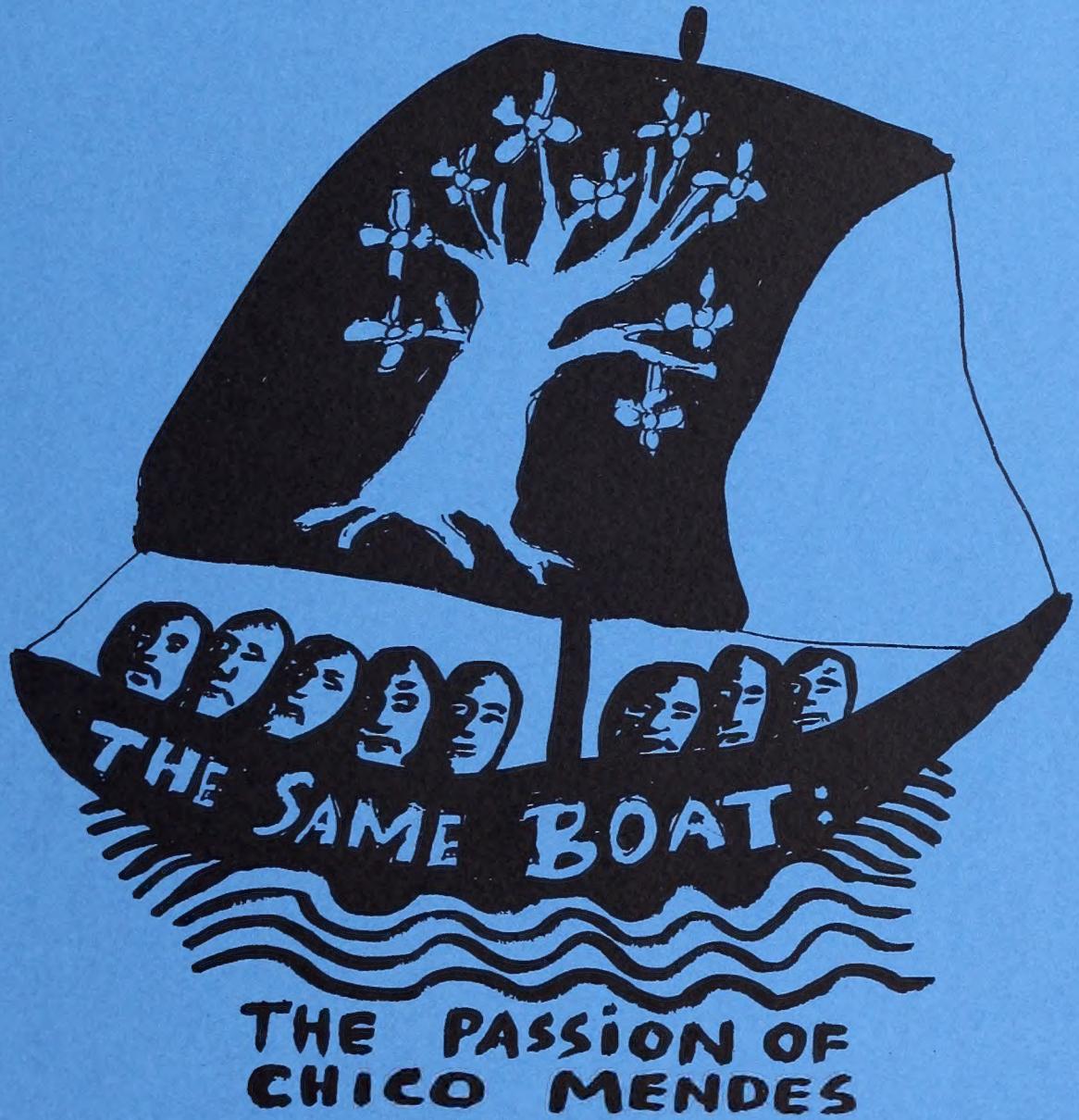
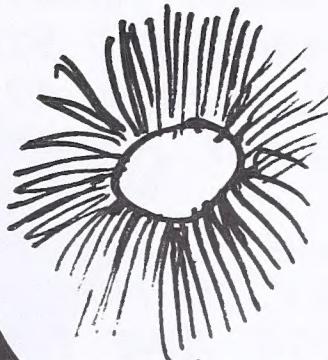


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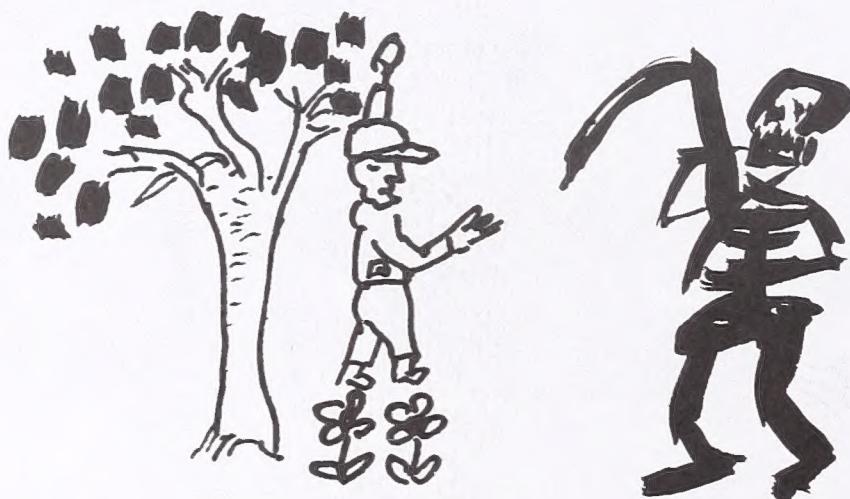
THE SAME BOAT

OUR EARTH IS LIKE A LITTLE BOAT
SAILING THROUGH INFINITY
AMIDST THE STARS, BRIGHT AND REMOTE
WE VOYAGE ALL UNKNOWINGLY
ACROSS AN ENDLESS GLITTERING SEA

SOME ARE PASSENGERS ON THE BOAT
THEY DO NO WORK TO MAKE IT FLOAT.
SOME ARE PIRATES WHO SEEM TO THINK
THEY CAN ROB, GET RICH AND LET IT SINK
FORGETTING THAT IF THE BOAT GOES DOWN
ALL ABOARD MUST SURELY DROWN

WE HONOR AND RESPECT THE CREW
- AT LEAST AS LONG AS THEY KNOW WHAT THEY DO -
NO PLACE ON EARTH IS TOO REMOTE
TO BE A VITAL PART OF THE BOAT.
THE FOREST OF THE AMAZON
HELPS ALL LIFE TO CONTINUE ON
AND THOSE WHO FIGHT TO SAVE THE TREES
HELP SAIL OUR BOAT THROUGH STORMY SEAS.

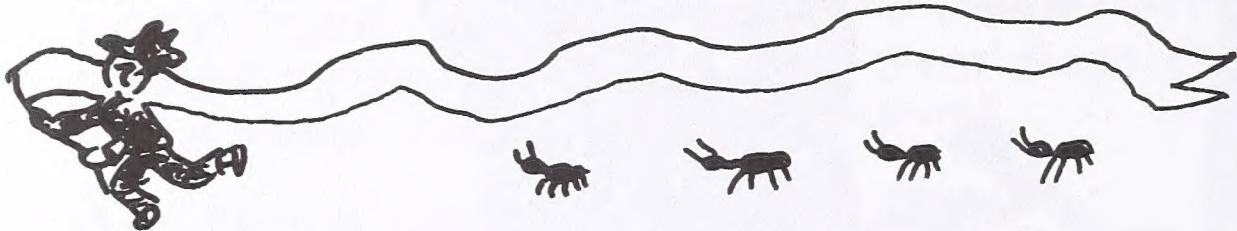
CHICO MENDES OF BRAZIL
WAS AN HONEST MAN WHO DID NO ILL.
NOW WE WILL SHOW YOU HOW HE TRIED
TO SAVE THE FOREST, AND HOW HE DIED





WEATHERMAN :

CUTTING THE FOREST WILL UPSET
THE BALANCE OF OUR ATMOSPHERE
THAT WE DEPEND ON FOR OUR LIVES
WHERE WILL WE LIVE IF WE CAN'T LIVE HERE ?
COME WITH US, DON'T BE AFRAID
WE'LL SAVE THE FOREST, JOIN OUR PARADE !



MUSICIAN :

MY MUSIC IS INSPIRED BY
THE SINGING OF THE FOREST BIRDS
NO SONG SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO DIE
EVEN IF IT HAS NO WORDS



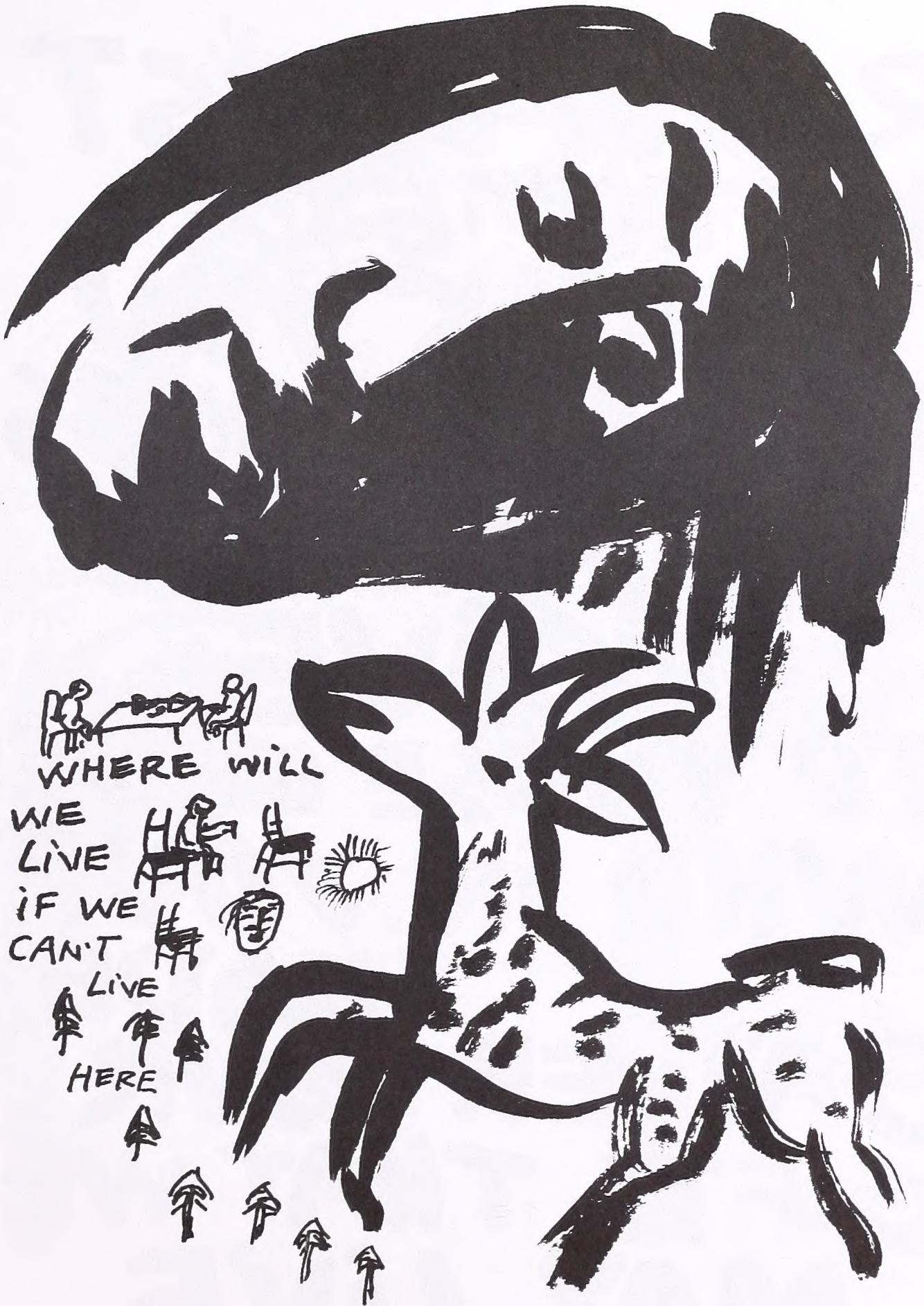
ATHLETE :

I NEED MORE OXYGEN THAN MOST
SO I AM ONE WHO REALLY KNOWS
THERE'S OXYGEN ENOUGH FOR ME
ONLY IF THE FOREST GROWS

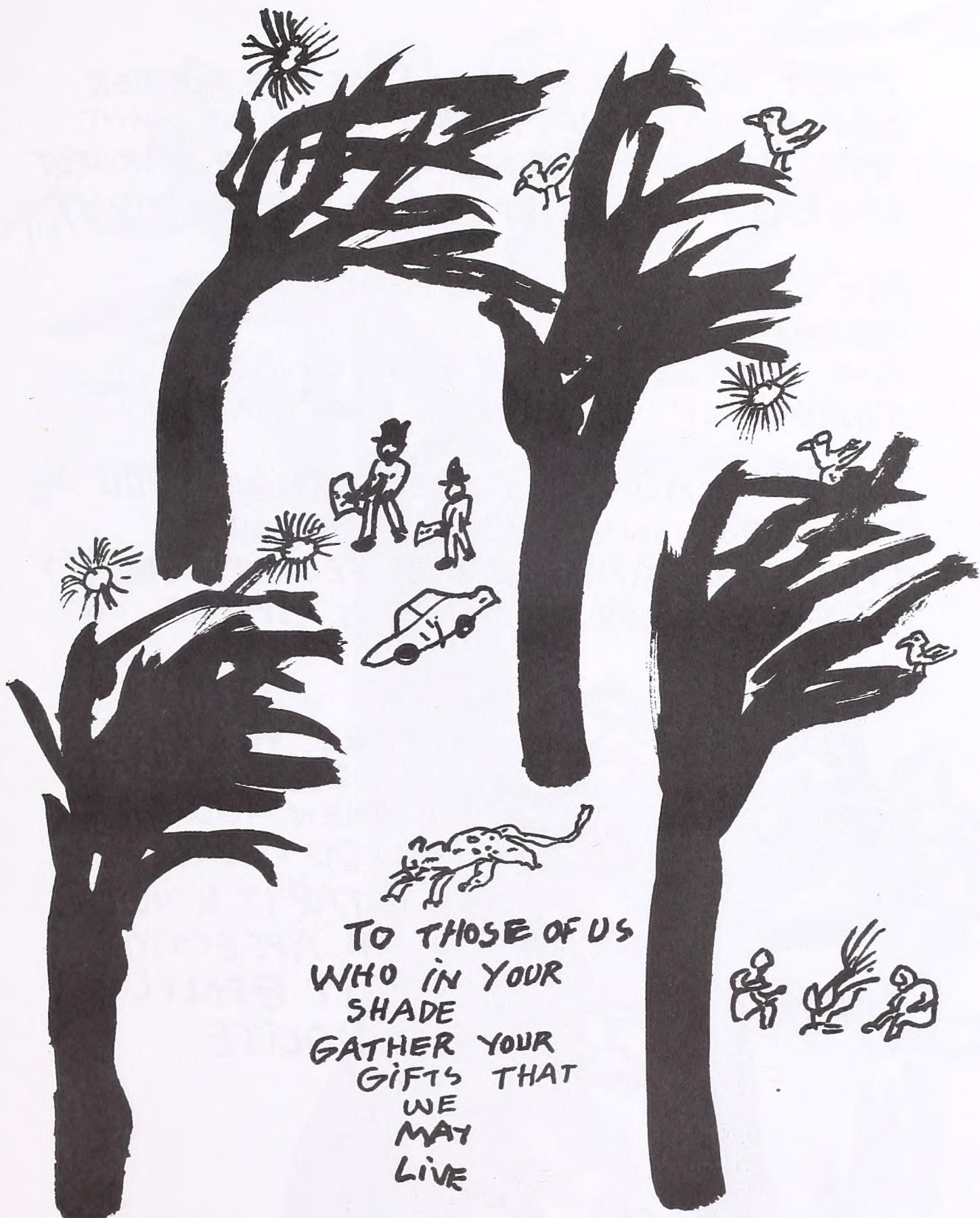


DOCTOR :

EVEN MODERN MEDICINE
STILL DERIVES FROM FOREST PLANTS
WHO KNOWS WHAT CURES WE STILL MAY FIND ?
IF THE FOREST LIVES WE'LL HAVE A CHANCE
COME WITH US, DON'T BE AFRAID
WE'LL SAVE THE FOREST, JOIN OUR PARADE !



RAINFOREST
WE COME TO
THANK YOU
FOR THE THINGS
YOU FREELY
GIVE
TO THOSE OF US
WHO IN YOUR
SHADE
GATHER YOUR
GIFTS THAT WE
MAY LIVE



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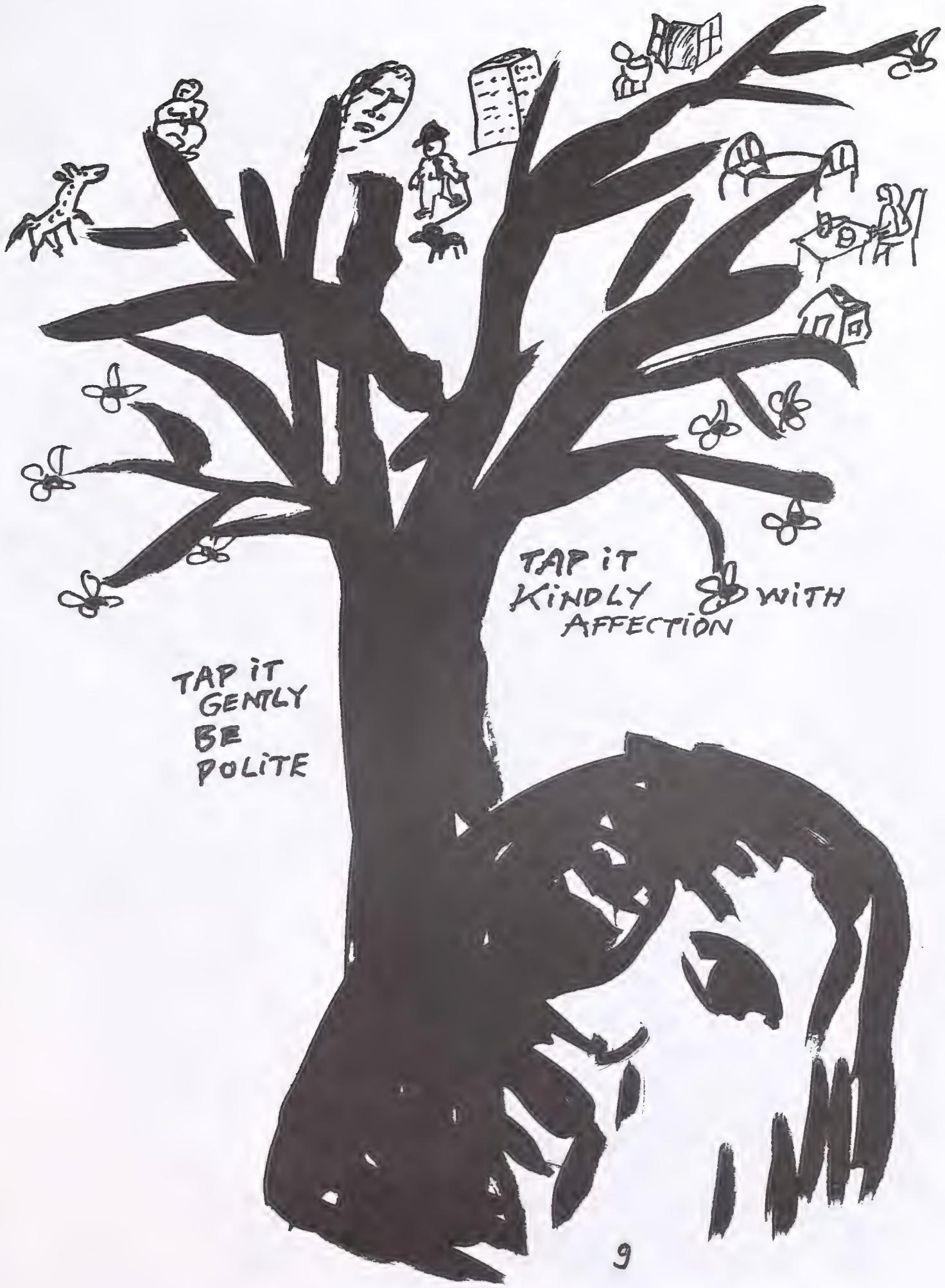
FIRST WE THANK YOU FOR THE RUBBER
SAP FROM YOUR TREES IS ALL WE WANT
WE HARM NOTHING WHEN WE HARVEST
LIKE THE SUGARMAKERS IN VERMONT

NEXT WE THANK YOU FOR THE FRUITS
AGUAJILLO, AGUAJE
AND THE HERBS FOR MEDICINES
THAT HELP THE SICK IN EVERY WAY

MOST OF ALL WE COME TO THANK YOU
FOR YOUR INVISIBLE GIFT OF AIR
THAT WE AND ALL OUR FELLOW CREATURES
BREATHE AND ALL AMONG US SHARE



A TREE WILL LIVE
A HUNDRED YEARS
IF WHEN YOU TAP
YOU DO IT RIGHT
SO TAP IT KINDLY
WITH AFFECTION
TAP IT GENTLY
BE POLITE



**WATCH
OUT!!**



WE CLEARED
AWAY
500 ACRES
A BRAND NEW
ROAD FROM
SCRATCH

BUILD
TO
THE A
IT'S NOT SO
HARD TO CLEAR
THE FOREST WITH
CHAIN SAW
AND
A MATCH





i AM A POLITICIAN

YOU CAN SPEAK OUT AND HAVE YOUR SAY
BEHIND CLOSED DOORS I GET MY WAY

WE ARE COMING IN THE NAME OF PROGRESS
GOOD TIMES COMING NOW YOU BET
WHEN THE ROAD IS BUILD WE'LL CUT THE FOREST
AND THEN PAY OFF THE NATIONAL DEBT



I AM
A POOR
MAN
I'VE GOT
NOTHING

AND I DON'T SEE
HOW COME
EVERYONE'S GOT
MORE THAN ME

I DON'T CARE ABOUT TOMORROW
I NEED A JOB RIGHT NOW. TODAY
IF I CAN HELP THEM BUILD THEIR ROAD
I'LL FEED MY FAMILY WITH MY PAY



I'M A PATRIOT THIS COUNTRY IS WHERE
I BELONG, IT'S MY COUNTRY RIGHT OR WRONG
I LOVE OUR COUNTRY PROUD BRAZIL
PROGRESSIVE FUTURISTIC NEW
AND WE DON'T NEED ANY
NORTH AMERICANS TRYING TO TELL US
WHAT TO DO !

I'M CHICO MENDES, COME TO HELP YOU
DEFEND YOUR RIGHTS AND TAKE A STAND
LET'S STOP THE BIG DEVELOPERS
IN THEIR GREEDY SEARCH FOR LAND

WHAT WE CAN HARVEST FROM THE FOREST
IN THE LONGRUN IS WORTH FAR MORE
THAN CUTTING TIMBER AND GRAZING CATTLE
WHERE OUR ANCESTORS LIVED BEFORE
IF NONE ARE GREEDY AND ALL ARE FAIR
THERE'S LAND ENOUGH FOR ALL TO SHARE

MARTIN LUTHER KING AND GHANDI
TEACH US THE NON-VIOLENT WAY
LET'S LINK ARMS AND STAND TOGETHER
THAT'S HOW WE MAKE AN EMPATE



LET'S FOLLOW THEM
AND SEE WHAT
THEY DO
THEY'D WIPE
US OUT IF
THEY COULD



LET'S FOLLOW
THEM AND SEE
WHAT THEY PLAN



WHATEVER
IT IS THEY'RE
UP TO NO
GOOD

WORLD BANK :

i AM THE WORLD BANK
WHETHER TIMES WILL BE FAT OR LEAN
A DOLLAR WILL MEAN WHAT i SAY IT WILL MEAN
WE CAN ARRANGE 500 MILLION
DOLLARS IN YOUR HANDS TODAY
IF YOU CAN BE COOPERATIVE
AND MAKE THE FOREST GO AWAY

Mc DONALDS :

i'M McDONALDS
i FEED YOUR FACE AND STUFF YOUR GUT
WHILE BIG SHOTS LINE UP TO KISS MY BUTT
i'M FOR THE FUTURE, AND THE FUTURE LIES
AS WE ALL KNOW IN RAISING MEAT
YOU FUSS ABOUT CHOLESTEROL
BUT BURGERS ARE WHAT YOU WANT TO EAT

BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT :

i'M THE GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL
iF i DON'T SELL OUT SOMEONE ELSE WILL
CLEARING THE FOREST IS A GOOD IDEA
FOR STABILIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL WEALTH
iT'S SUCH A COMPLICATED DEAL
i DON'T UNDERSTAND IT MUCH MYSELF

THE RUBBERTAPPERS ARE COMING TO
THEIR UNION MEETING
SO i ASK YOU TO RISE AND GIVE A GREETING
TO JUDAS THE OWNER OF THE FOREST LAND
WHERE THE RUBBERTAPPERS TAKE THEIR STAND



I AM FOR THE
FUTURE

THE
FUTURE

JUDAS :

THE PIECE OF FOREST THAT I OWN
THEY MADE AN EXTRACTIVE RESERVE
THAT MEANS THOSE PEONS GET THE MONEY
THAT I JUDAS REALLY DESERVE.

I KNOW THE LEADER WHO HEADS THEIR
UNION

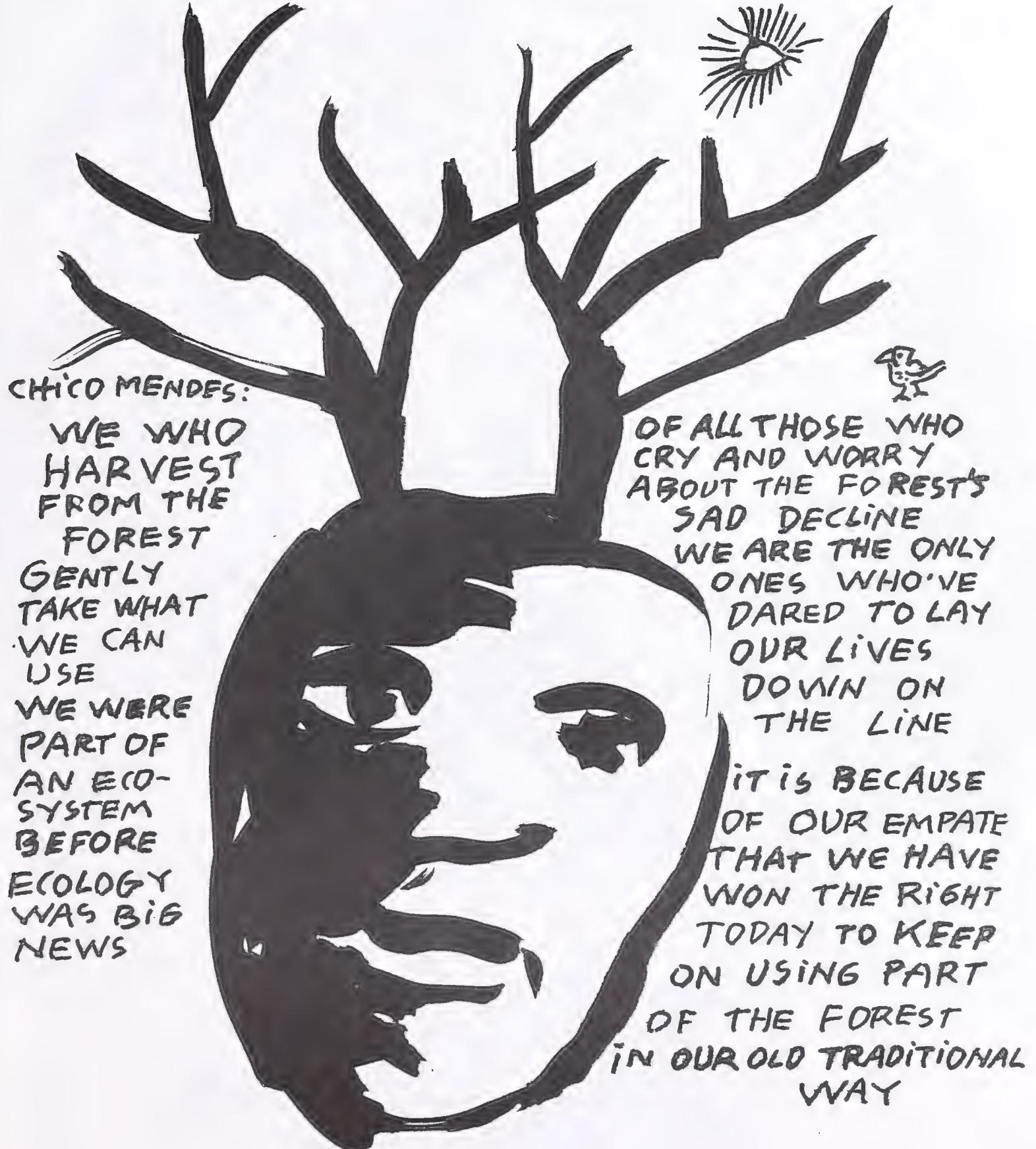
LET'S KILL HIM AND BE DONE WITH IT
IT'S WHAT WE HAVE ALWAYS DONE BEFORE
WE'RE IN THIS THING TOO DEEP TO QUIT

YOU KNOW IT'S RIGHT. WE NEED TO DO IT
WE'LL ALL SLEEP EASIER WHEN HE'S SHOT
CHICO MENDES IS WHAT THEY CALL HIM
LET'S SEE WHO DRAWS THE FATAL LOT.

THE RUBBERTAPPERS ARE COMING
YOU GUYS GET OUT
WE KNOW WHAT TO DO AND WHAT
WE'RE ABOUT

I'LL HANDLE THIS, I KNOW WHAT TO DO
BUT THEY CAN'T SEE ME BEING HERE
WITH YOU.

WELCOME RUBBERTAPPERS WELCOME!
YOU'RE THE GUYS I'M GLAD TO SEE
YOU'RE THE HEROES WHO HAVE WON
A TERRIFIC VICTORY
IF YOU DON'T MIND I'LL JOIN YOUR MEETING
AND HELP YOU OUT WITH WHAT YOU'VE
PLANNED
IT'S JUST MY NATURE TO BE HELPFULL
TO TRY TO HELP AND UNDERSTAND





AND SO
i WANT
TO LIVE
BECAUSE
A LOT OF
TALK

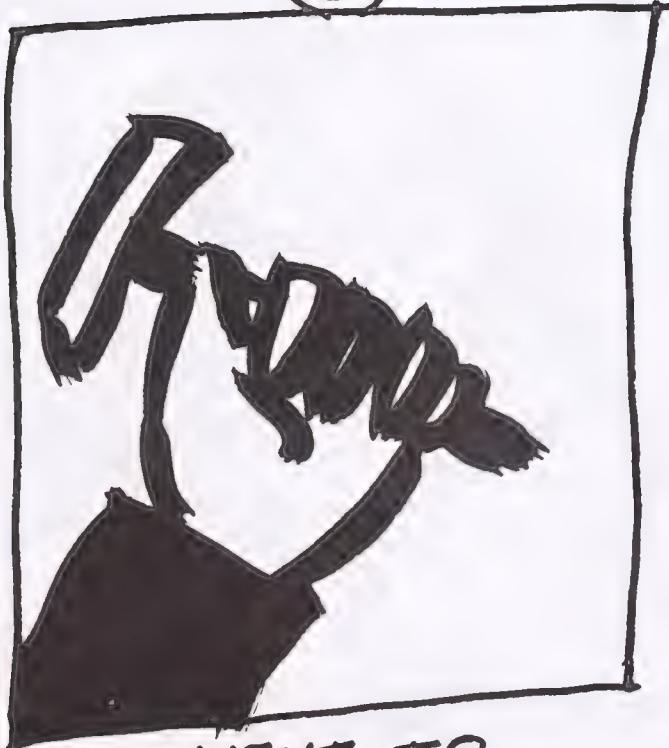
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BURIALS
WON'T
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AMAZON



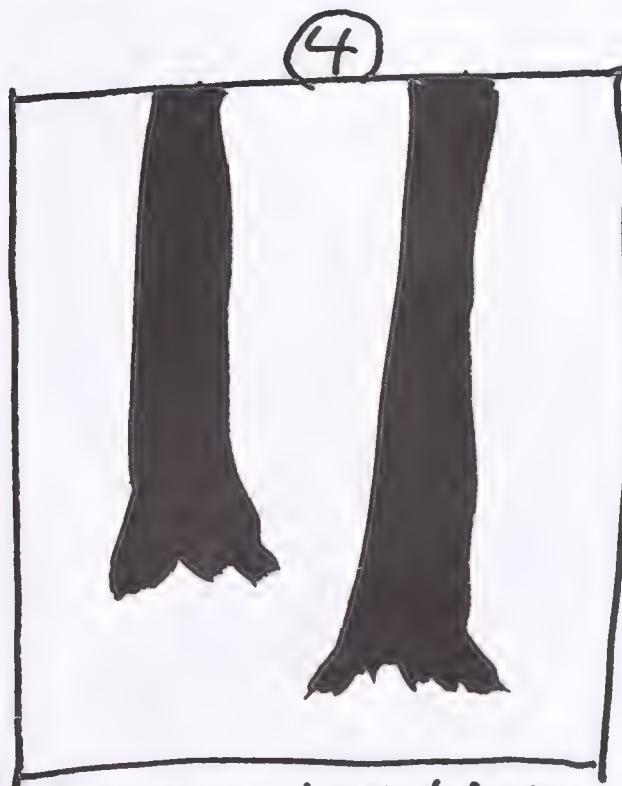
CHICO MENDES AN
HONEST MAN WAS
BORN IN 1944



WHEN 8 YEARS
OLD



HE WENT TO
WORK



HARVESTING LATEX
ON THE FOREST FLOOR



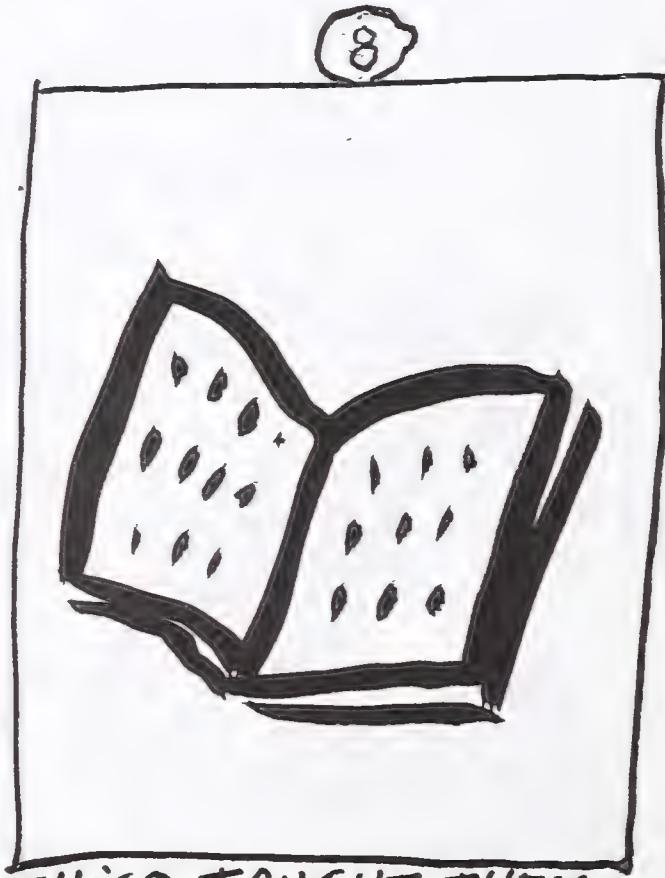
THE RUBBER BARONS
GAVE THE TAPPERS



ACCOUNTS THAT OFTEN
WERE NOT RIGHT



SO THAT THE WORKERS
WOULD NOT BE CHEATED



CHICO TAUGHT THEM
TO READ AND WRITE



5 TIMES THE LAND-
OWNERS' HIRED MEN
HAVE TRIED TO KILL HIM

THEY WANT
HIM DEAD

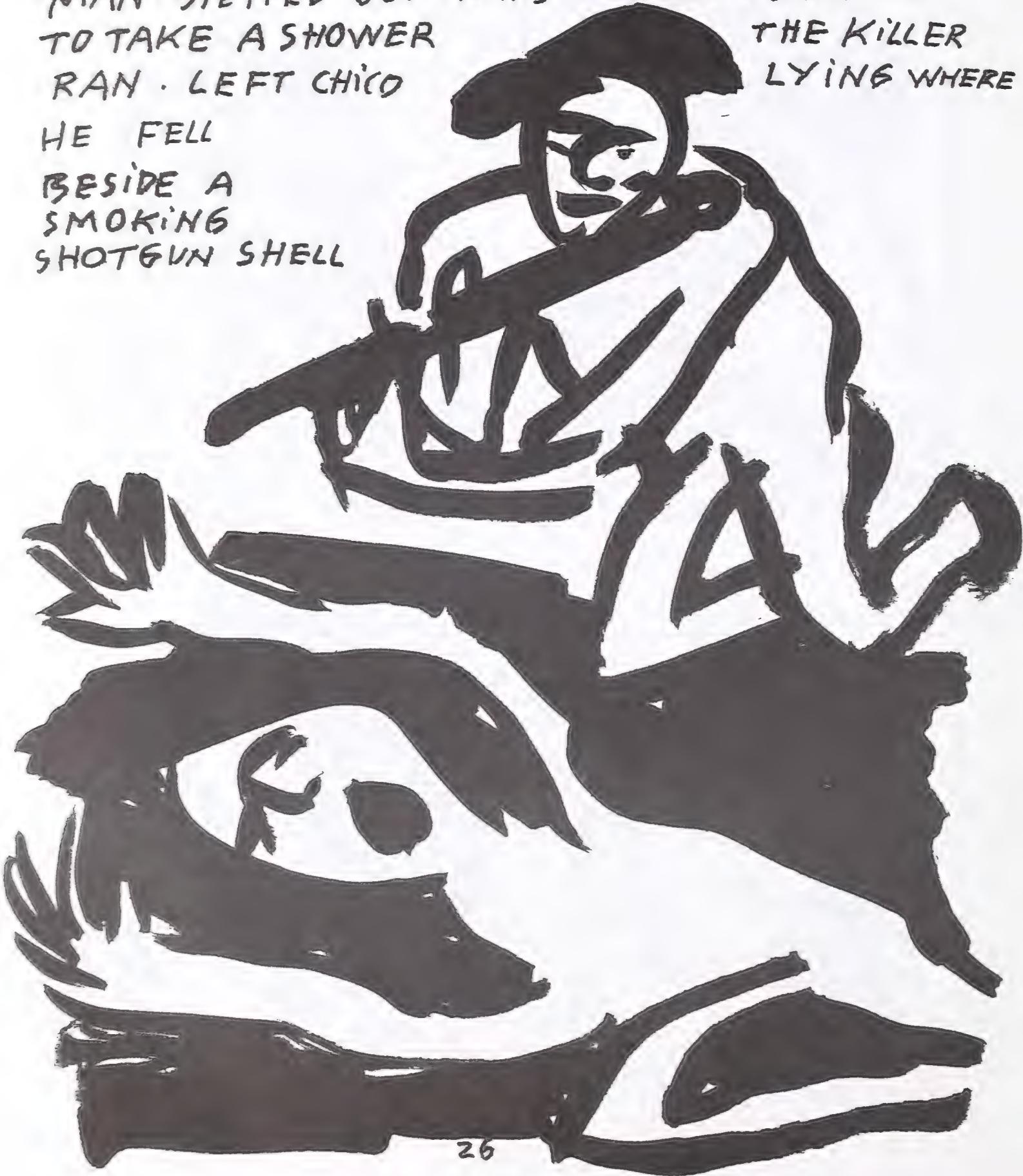


5 TIMES CHICO
HAS GOT AWAY



BUT WE FEAR
WHAT LIES AHEAD

ON DECEMBER 22ND CHICO MENDES AN HONEST
MAN STEPPED OUT IN HIS OWN BACKYARD
TO TAKE A SHOWER THE KILLER
RAN . LEFT CHICO LYING WHERE
HE FELL
BESIDE A SMOKING SHOTGUN SHELL



IN HIS POCKET THEY FOUND
2 DOLLARS
CHICO'S WALLET WAS PRETTY FLAT
YOU CAN BET THE HIRED KILLER
GOT PAID A WHOLE LOT MORE THAN
THAT

IN HIS POCKET THEY FOUND
2 DOLLARS
NOT VERY MUCH TO YOU OR ME
BUT THERE IS MORE THAN JUST
2 DOLLARS
IN CHICO MENDES' LEGACY





COME WITH US DON'T BE AFRAID



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